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Date: January 6, 2022

Re: **Reissued** Guidance for Licensed Establishments concerning Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Announcement of a New Indoor Masking Health Order Issued by Health Commissioner Dr. Letitia Dzirasa.

From: Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC)

Purpose:

In light of the resurgence in COVID-19 cases, and Mayor Brandon M. Scott's message regarding the continued importance of following the mask mandate, the BLLC would like to remind our stakeholders and specifically our licensed establishments that the masking order, as outlined below, remains in place.

To provide guidance to licensed establishments within the City of Baltimore, the BLLC requests that all applicable licensees must continue to adhere to the following guidelines to ensure compliance with Baltimore City Public Health Order titled "**Health Commissioner Updated Directive and Order for Face Coverings**"¹ (Health Order), effective since Monday, August 9, 2021 at 9:00am.

1. I hold a BLLC issued liquor license, what am I still required to do under this Health Order?

Under this continuing Health Order, you may operate in accordance with what is permitted by your license, **subject to the following restrictions for all persons over the age of two (2) years old:**

- a. Licensees and their employees must wear a Face Covering at all times on any indoor portion of your licensed premises in accordance with the Health Order.
- b. Patrons and all other persons (e.g., delivery personnel, etc.) must wear a Face Covering at all times on any indoor portion of your licensed premises in accordance with the Health Order.

Note: the Health Order lists a number of exceptions that allow a person to not wear a Face Covering indoors, including (but not limited to):

- a. When a patron, employee or any other individual is consuming food and beverages on the indoor portion of your licensed premises.
- b. When requiring a patron to show their entire face in order to verify that person's identity to ensure they are at least 21 years of age prior to selling or furnishing them with alcohol.

If you have any other questions regarding this matter, please contact General Counsel at the Baltimore City Department of Health, Ms. Kathleen Smith at Kathleen.G.Smith@baltimorecity.gov.

¹https://www.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/HEALTH%20COMMISSIONER%20UPDATED%20DIRECTIVE%20AND%20ORDER%20FOR%20FACE%20COVERINGS_FINAL.pdf